

PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario was held in the City Hall, London, on Tuesday evening, 27th day of September, 1881.

President Dempsey was in the chair.

The business of the evening commenced with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which were received and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was next read, received and adopted, as also was the Directors'.

The President's annual address was referred to the Committee on Printing, for the Annual Report.

After the general routine business the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz. :—

President—P. C. Dempsey, Esq., Albury, Prince Edward Co. Vice-President—William Saunders, Esq., London, Middlesex Co.

Directors—Division No. 1, John Croil, Aultsville; No. 2, P. E. Bucke, Ottawa; No. 3, R. J. Dunlop, Kingston; No. 4, H. Young, Trenton, Hastings Co.; No. 5, Thos. Beall, Lindsay, Victoria Co.; No. 6, Geo. Leslie, Jr., Leslie, York Co.; No. 7, W. Holton, Hamilton; No. 8, A. W. Smith, St. Catharines; No. 9, C. Arnold, Paris; No. 10, A. McD. Allan, Goderich, Huron Co.; No. 11, John M. Denton, London; No. 12, B. Gott, Arkona; No. 13, Chas. Drury, Crown Hill, Simcoe Co.

Auditors—John A. Bruce, Hamilton; Angus Sutherland, Hamilton.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Members of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario:

GENTLEMEN,—Although the year now closing has not been one as abundantly supplied with fruits of all kinds as was the previous year, yet we believe that the fruit grower will find the results of his labour to compare favourably with those of other tillers of the soil. We must not expect to escape the vicissitudes that attend upon enterprises of every kind.

Our own Society, we are happy to say, has continued to prosper during the past year. The attendance at the meetings has been very good, and the interest in the discussions well maintained. We obeyed your instructions and employed a short-hand writer to report the proceedings and discussions of our winter meeting, which was continued for two days, and have thereby secured an accurate account of what was said, which will appear in full in our forthcoming Report, and greatly add to its value.

The Midsummer meeting at Owen Sound was also well attended, and, through the kindness of the resident members, was made an occasion of much pleasure and profit. The *Canadian Horticulturist* has been continued during the year, and we think that the time has now come when we may safely venture to increase its size, and thereby add to its usefulness. There has been an increase in the membership during the past year of sixty, showing that we are gaining a little in public favour. The planting of fruit and forest trees at the Experimental Farm, Guelph, has been continued this year, and a large variety has been planted that we expect will in time become of great value in imparting to our young farmers a knowledge of the appearance and value of different fruits, such as will enable them to act judiciously in the planting of their own orchards.

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